

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 11- on page 4-23 in the following manner:

One part solution is in United States Patent No. 6,387,381 (hereinafter referred to as the '381 patent). The '381 patent discloses an extrudate with formed of a matrix having starch, sugar, fat, polyhydric alcohol and water in suitable ratios such that there exists a water activity of 0.6-0.75, for carrying an active ingredient. The water activity of the product matrix may be adjusted up or down for the active ingredient, be it pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, or a vitamin mineral complex. The claimed product is directed towards a product containing an additive, an extrudate comprising a matrix having about 10 to about 50% wt starch, a sweetener consisting essentially of sucrose, corn syrup and sorbitol, said sucrose being in an amount of at least 10%, and at least about 5% wt water, said composition having A_w of about 0.60 to about 0.75, and a soft and chewy texture, and said A_w being adjusted to permit an appropriate amount of free water in the presence of the additive. However, this product is limited to an extrudate **~~and not available in a tablet form of formulation.~~**

Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 13-16 on page 15 in the following manner:

Exemplary fillers include, but are not limited to, a carbohydrate source, a protein source, antioxidants, such as **[[Tenox]] TENOX[®] 8 (20% butylated hydroxytoluene in corn oil)**, gum, colorants, dyes, pigments, and the like. Generally, any ingredient may be used as a filler. In preferred embodiments, the filler is chosen so as not to adversely affect the palatability of the soft chew.

Please amend the paragraph at line 10 on page 20 in the following manner:

[[Tenox]] TENOX[®] 8

0.7

Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 19-20 on page 20 in the following manner:

3. The liquid components, beginning with the soybean oil, then the glycerin, and then the [[tenox]] TENOX[®] 8 were mixed in a steel beaker with a spatula.

Please amend the paragraph at line 24 on page 22 in the following manner:
[[Tenox]] TENOX[®] 8 0.7

- Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 7-8 on page 23 in the following manner:**
3. The liquid components, beginning with the soybean oil, then the glycerin, and then the [[tenox]] TENOX[®] 8 were mixed in a steel beaker with a spatula.

Please amend the paragraph at line 24 on page 24 in the following manner:
[[Tenox]] TENOX[®] 8 0.54

- Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 6-7 on page 25 in the following manner:**
3. The liquid components, beginning with the soybean oil, then the glycerin, and then the [[tenox]] TENOX[®] 8 were mixed in a steel beaker with a spatula.